

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 25, 26, and 28, without prejudice.

Please amend claims 16, 19, 22, 24, and 27 as follows:

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16. (Amended) An ink cartridge which is used for an ink-jet recording apparatus, comprising:

a plurality of ink storage chambers, wherein a first chamber of said ink storage chambers storing a light cyan ink, a second chamber of said ink storage chambers storing a deep cyan ink, a third chamber of said ink storage chambers storing a light magenta ink, a fourth chamber of said ink storage chambers storing a deep magenta ink and a fifth chamber of said ink storage chambers storing a yellow ink; and

wherein the ink storage chambers are accommodated integrally in the ink cartridge.

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19. (Amended) The ink cartridge according to claim 16, wherein the ink storage chambers are partitioned by partitioning walls and have supply ports constructed to supply ink, the partitioning walls having a first end and a second end, the second end being nearer the ink supply ports of each of said ink storage chambers, the partitioning walls being formed so that a thickness of the partitioning walls gradually increases from the first end to the second end, whereby the second end is thicker than the first end.

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22. (Amended) An ink cartridge mounted on an ink-jet recording apparatus and storing ink of a plurality of colors to be supplied to the ink-jet recording apparatus which has an ink-jet recording head for ejecting the ink and a plurality of ink supply needles for supplying the ink to the recording head, adjacent ones of said ink supply needles being arranged to have height difference therebetween, the ink cartridge comprising:

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a plurality of ink storage chambers, wherein a first chamber of said ink storage chambers storing a light cyan ink, a second chamber of said ink storage chambers storing a deep cyan ink, a third chamber of said ink storage chambers storing a light magenta ink, a fourth chamber of said ink storage chambers storing a deep magenta ink and a fifth chamber of said ink storage chambers storing a yellow ink, the ink storage chambers being accommodated integrally in the ink cartridge; and

ink supply ports engaging with the ink supply needles so as to supply the ink stored in the ink storage chambers to the ink supply needles.

24. (Amended) An ink cartridge which is used for an ink-jet recording apparatus, comprising:

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a plurality of ink storage chambers storing ink of at least five different colors, the ink storage chambers being accommodated integrally in the ink cartridge;

wherein each ink storage chamber has an ink supply port, and all ink supply ports are aligned on one straight line; and

wherein the yellow ink is stored in the ink storage chamber located at the most end side of the ink storage chambers.

27. (Amended) An ink cartridge which is used for an ink-jet recording apparatus, comprising:

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a plurality of ink storage chambers storing ink of at least five different colors, the ink storage chambers being accommodated integrally in the ink cartridge;

wherein different colors of the five different colors are adjacent to each other; and

wherein the ink storage chambers are arranged in an order of storing light cyan ink, deep cyan ink, light magenta ink, deep magenta ink and yellow ink in a horizontal direction.